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Once may your hyactathine lids unfold
Eathed in the timpal paties of the moon,
The happiest stars in heaven may yet tehold,
And pray and sigh for joy, and slumber soon,
—Irene Putnam in Lippincott's.

### A MAN IN THE BELL.

In my younger days bell ringing was much more in fashion among the young men of -- than it is now. Some fifty years ago about twenty of us who dwelt in the vicinity of the cathedral formed a club which used to ring every peal that

was called for. One Sunday I went with another into the belfry to ring for noon prayers, but the second stroke we had pulled showed us that the clapper of the bell we were at was muffled. Some one had been buried that morning and it had been prepared of course to ring a mournful

We did not know of this, but the remody was easy. "Jack," said my com-"step up to the loft and cut off the hat," for the way we had of muffling was by tying a piece of an old hat or of cloth (the former was preferred) on one side of the ciapper, which deadened every second toll.

I complied, and mounting into the belfry crept as usual into the bell, where I begun to cut away. The hat had been tied on in some more complicated manner than usual, and I was perhape three or four minutes in getting it off during which time my companion below was hastily called away-by a message from his sweetheart, I believe, but that is not material to my story.

The person who called him was a brother of the club, who, knowing that the time had come for ringing for service, and not thinking that any one was above, began to pull. At this moment I was just getting out when I felt the bell moving. I guessed the reason at once. It was a moment of terror, but by a hasty and almost convulsive effort I succeeded in jumping down and throwing myself on the flat of my back under

The room in which it was was little more than sufficient to contain it, the bottom of the bell coming within a couple of feet of the floor of lath. At that time I certainly was not so bulky as I am now, but as I lay it was within an inch of my face. I had not lain myself down a second, when the ringing began. It was a dreadful situation.

Over me swung an immense mass of metal, one touch of which would have crushed me to pieces; the floor under me was principally composed of crazy laths, and if they gave way I was precipitated to the distance of about fifty feet upon a loft, which would in all probability have sunk under the impulse of my fall and sent me to be dashed to oms upon the marble floor of the chancel a hundred feet below.

This was my first terror, but the ringmore awful and immediate dread came on me. The deafening sound of the bell smote into my ears with a thunder which made me fear their drums would crack; there was not a fiber of my body ft did not thrill through. It entered my very soul; thought and reflection were almost atterly banished; I only retained the sensation of agonizing terror.

Every moment I saw the bell sweep within an inch of my face, and my eves -I could not close them, though to look at the object was bitter as death-followed it instinctively in its oscillating progress until it came back again. It was in vain I said to myself that it could come no nearer at any future swing than it did at first; every time it descended I endeavered to shrink into the very floor to avoid being buried under the down sweeping mass, and then, reflecting on the danger of pressing too weightily on my frail support, would cower up again as far as I dared.

At first my fears were mere matter of fact. I was afraid the pulleys above would give way and let the bell plunge on me. At another time the possibility of the clapper being shot out in some sweep and dashing through my body, as I had seen a ramrod glide through a door, flitted across my mind. The dread abor as I have already mentioned, of the crazy floor tormented me, but these soon gave way to fears not more unfounded. but more visionary and of course more tremendons.

The roaring of the bell confused my intellect, and my famcy soon began to teem with all sorts of strange and terrifying ideas. The bell pealing above and opening its jaws with a hideous clamor seemed to me at one time a raving monster raging to devour me; at another a whirtpool ready to suck me into its bellowing abysa. As I gazed on it, it assamed all shapes. It was a flying eagle, or rather a roe of the Arabian story tellers, clapping its wings and screaming

As I looked upward into it, it would appear sometimes to lengthen into indefinite extent or to be twisted at the end into the spiral folds of the tail of a flying dragon. Nor was the flaming breath or fiery glance of that fabled animal wantto complete the picture. My eyes, inflamed, bloodshot and glaring, invested the supposed meester with a full proportion of emboly light.

It would be endless were I to merely hint at all the fancies that possessed my mind. Every object that was hideous and roaring presented itself to my imagination. I often thought that I was in a burricane at sea and that the ressel in which I was embarked tossed under me with the most furious vehemence The air, set in motion by the swinging of the bell, blew over me nearly with the violence and more than the thunder of a tempest, and the floor seemed to red under t e as under a drunken man. But the most awful of all the ideas that seized on me were drawn from the supernatural

In the wast caveen of the bell hideons faces appeared and glared down on me with torofying frowns or with grinning moreovery will more appalling. I found I was becoming delirious, and trembled lest reason should quarte desert me. ] feared lest, when attoriv deprived of my senses, I should rise to do which I was every moment tempted by that stronge feeling which calls on a man whose head is diray from standing on the battlement of a lofty metie to pre-

cipitate himself from it—and then death

would be instant and tremendous.

When I thought of this I became desperate. I caught the floor with a grasp which drove the blood from my nails, and I relied with the cry of despair. I called for help, I prayed, I shouted, but all the efforts of my voice were of course drowned in the bell. As it passed over my mouth it occasionally school my eries, which mixed not with its own sound, but preserved their distinct character. Perhaps this was but fancy. To me, I know, they then sounded as if they were the shouting, howling or laughting of the fiends with which my imagination had peopled the gloomy cave which swing ever me.

In twenty minutes the ringing was done. Half of that time passed over me Both the method and results when without power of computation-the other half appeared an age. When it reased I became gradually more quiet, but a new fear retained me. I knew that five minutes would elapse without ringing, but at the end of that short tem effectually, dispels colds, headtime the bell would be rung a second aches and fevers and cures habitual time for five minutes more. I could not constipation. Syrup of Figs is the calculate time. A minute and an hour only remedy of its kind ever prowere of equal duration. I feared to rise duced, pleasing to the taste and aclest the five minutes should have elapsed ceptable to the stomach, prompt in and the ringing be again commenced, its action and truly beneficial in its in which case I should be crushed before effects, prepared only from the most I could escape against the walls or framework of the bell. I therefore still continued to lie down, cautiously shift-to all and have made it the most ing myself, however, with a careful gliding, so that my eye no longer looked popular remedy known.

considerable relief. The cessation of the noise had in a gists. Any reliable druggist who great measure the effect of stupefying may not have it on hand will prome, for my attention, being no longer cure it promptly for any one who occupied by the chimeras I had conjured up, began to flag. All that now dissubstitute. tressed me was the constant expectation of the second ringing, for which, however, I settled myself with a kind of stupid resolution. I closed my eyes and clinched my teeth as firmly as if they viere screwed in a vice.

At last the dreaded moment came, and the first swing of the bell extorted a groan from me, as they say the most resclute victim screams at the sight of the rack to which he is for a second time destined. After this, however, I lay silent and lethargic, without a thought.

When it ceased I was roused a little by the hope of escape. I did not, however, decide on this step hastily, but putting up my hand with the utmost caution I touched the rim. Though the ringing had ceased it was still tremulous from the sound and shook under my hand, which instantly recoiled as from an electric jar. A quarter of an hour probably elapsed before I again dared to make the experiment, and then I found it at rest. I determined to lose no time fearing that I might have lain then already too long and that the beil for evening service would catch me.

This dread stimulated me, and I slipped out with the utmost rapidity and arose. I stood, I suppose, for a minute, looking with silly wonder on the place of my imprisonment, penetrated with joy at escaping, but then rushed down the stony and irregular stair with the velocity of lightning and arrived in the bell ringer's room. My hands were torn and bleeding; my hair dishevered and my clothes tattered.

I leaned against the wall, motionless ing had not continued a minute before a and deprived of thought, in which posture my companions found me when in the course of a couple of hours they returned to their occupation.-Blackwood's Magazina.

### Why the Sky Is Blue.

The explanation of the blue of the "vaulted canopy above us" is not to be sought in the fact that the air, or its constituent particles, reflect the readily refrangible rays of short waved length and let the less refrangible long waved rays through. The short waves of light -the blue color-are much more strongly reflected than the long waved red ones. Lord Raleigh has proven the blue reflected in the light from the sky to be four-fifths times stronger than the yellow color and six-sevenths times stronger than the red. The violet is sixeighths times stronger than the yellow, or about nine-tenths times more intense than the long waves of red light.

These relations of intensity must therefore cause the reflected light to appear to be mostly blue. The blue of the sky is also connected with the phespon known as the polarization of light, that color in the colored waves always being polarized in the same direction, which is quite independent of the nature of the turbid particles of the atmosphere. As long as present conditions exist the sky will be of blue colors of varying intensity.-St. Louis Re-

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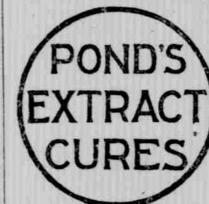


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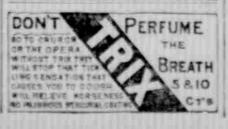
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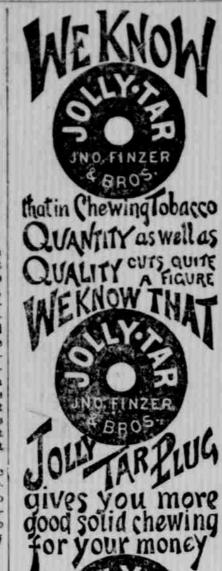
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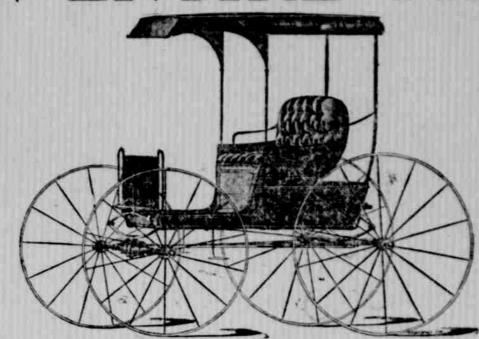
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